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### **State Continues to Respond to Tropical Storm Lee**

**Baton Rouge, LA (September 4, 2011)** – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHSEP) released the following information today on the state's efforts to continue to respond to the effects of Tropical Storm Lee.

#### **Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHSEP)**

- GOHSEP has provided Livingston Parish with 40,000 sandbags and Jefferson Parish has received 96,000 sandbags.

#### **Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)**

- DOTD is reporting multiple closures in Southeast Louisiana due to flooding and high winds. Citizens are urged to check DOTD's 511 Traveler Information website at [www.511la.org](http://www.511la.org) for the latest information.
- DOTD transported 10,000 linear feet of Tiger Dam flood protection material from Houma to Belle Chase to assist Plaquemines Parish in its flood fighting efforts.
- DOTD is removing debris from state highways and bridges to ensure the state's roadways are open as quickly as possible.
- DOTD has re-opened the Ostrica and Empire locks previously closed due to tropical storm force winds.
- In Orleans Parish, the Judge Seeber and Danzinger Bridges are now open to marine navigation as well as vehicular traffic.
- The Acadian Thruway in East Baton Rouge Parish – between I-10 and Perkins Road – will be closed intermittently during intense rain periods until repairs can be made to the pumping station on this route.

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### **Louisiana State Police (LSP)**

- State Police gaming section is in contact with riverboat casino representatives for potential problems due to rising waters.
  - Boom Town Casino in Harvey is closed because of levee seepage.

### **Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR)**

- Plaquemines Parish: OCPR is working with parish to address seven low spots on levees in the vicinity of Myrtle Grove.
- SLFPA-W (Southeast LA Flood Protection Authority-West): Out of 139 gates, valves and construction gaps, 67 have been closed. Of this, 18 are construction gaps scattered throughout Westwego, the Algiers Canal, the West side of the Harvey Canal in Marrero/Lake Cataouatche and three in Plaquemines Parish. The Western Tie-in and Eastern Tie-in closures were largely left as is as they have not been deemed by the Corps to be threatened by this storm. All of the gates along the Harvey Canal have been closed including the two at Boomtown. This prevents access to the casino and the facility is now closed.
- The barge gate at Bayou Segnette was closed Friday and the Harvey Canal gate was closed on Saturday morning. More gates will be closed as conditions indicate and so far only two valves have had to be closed. As of Friday, two construction gaps were closed along the Algiers Canal along Engineers Road. They are in the process of closing two more with large sandbags and the Corps' contractors are closing two more with Hescos and Sheet pile.
- North Lafourche Conservation, Levee & Drainage District: Hesco baskets have been placed at the Allied Ship yard in Larose due to the water rising an additional 1 ft since yesterday in an area (1/2 mile west of the bridge that crosses GIWW).

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